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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30, 1874

THE WEATHER To-DAY .- From our re

ports this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be partly cloudy and decidedly colder. E . 1 41 41 41 THE WEATHER YESTERDAY WAS damp,

cloudy, and threatening during the day and alternoon, but clear at midnight. Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch office December 29, 1874.

The Lightning-Red Man Dismissed

HUNDERBOLT REPORT TO THE METEOROLOGICAL SECTION OF THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, PHILA-DELPHIA, AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING OF DE-CEMBER, BY PROFESSOR JOHN WISE, CORRES-PONDING SECRETARY.

[Reported for the Evening Bulletin.]

On Monday, November 23, 1874, at about 3 P. M., a thundergust passed over our city. The barometer had fallen nearly one inch in southwest. A tornado sprung up some distance southwest of the city, accompanied by evolvements of lightning. As it passed over the city a thunderbolt was projected from it, which struck the roof of homosopathic quantities of crude material. The finer the matter the more potent its acin Front street near Girard avenue. The discharge was preceded by a dash of hail, and quickly followed by a copious dash of rain. The roof of the building is rain is evidenced in its never-failing attendcovered with tin. There is no lightning-rod on it, or on any other part of the buildings, of which there are a cluster. The bolt struck the tin roof about twenty feet from any at all; but never without a rapid formathe rain-spout corner of the building and on tion of cloud. I have watched storms from a line running diagonally across the roof from that corner. The bolt perforated the tin and lett a circular hole somewhat ragged around the edges. The hole is one and oneeighth inches in diameter, and immediately over a rafter-timber in which a nail-stump remains, and around which the wood is slightly singed. The chamber underneath the hole is plastered against the roof-timbers. The plastering shows not the least disturbance; no mechanical effect whatever can be

traced in the ceiling. A more conclusive proof of the protective nature of a metal roof against the danger and damage incident to thunderbolts could not be imagined. If a thunderbolt could be attracted from its course by conditions of ascending warm vapor—metal pipes out in the earth. To shield our houses from this the open air and proximate to the point of oft-projected force we have, so far as expeits impact-these were present, but produced no influence apon the projectile direction of the bolt. Like a ball from the muzzle of the gun, it went forward in the direction of least resistance, as all thunderbolts have done, so far as their traces indicate, of the lightning-rod was that it should prethat I have examined within the past twen- vent the projection of thunderbolts by the

Persons in the neighborhood of Dougherty's distillery noticed some of the attendant benomena. Mr. John S. Naylor, of the

People's Works, says: "Between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of November 23, 1874, my sight was directed towards Dougherty's distillery, the place which was struck. The flash and the report was simultaneous, and occupied merely a rod was defective. They are all defective point of time-a moment, as it were. The ight was not streaked, or zig-zag, or forked, as we occasionally see lightning, nor was it a series of flashes; nor were there any scintillations or shooting of flame whatever; but the manifestation was one sudden illuminating flash, very intense and brilliant, of the vellow color of flame, faintly tinged with purple. The report accompanying the flame was not like thunder, crashing, reverberating, or echoing; nor was it a deep noise. It was a short, sharp, loud bang. The stroke passage between the cloud and the metal or occurred as the storm was breaking away, there being little rain at the time."

Another observer saw fire and "smoke is suing from the rain water-spout." Another pieces of the bolt falling into the area of the buildings."

Had this bolt struck a wooden, gravel, or slate roof, its mechanical effects would have been manifest in the rending of such materials, as it has ever been upon examination and in a number of instances that occurred in this city within the past five years of my observations.

Now, a word in regard to the inherent na ture of a thunderbolt. Firstly, what is it? pleased to learn that he retains his mental Electricity, says the "teacher"! What is vigor and enjoys good health. This gentleelectricity? A condition of matter, says the man, in his serene old age, has the admira-What is this "condition of matter"? It is the corpuscular action of mole- my-enjoying the love and respect of all. cules, says the zeletic philosopher! A mo- His character is adorned and dignified with tion pertaining to all matter-a motion inhethe possession of qualities that exalt him, rent to all matter in the universal cosmogouy, alike infinite and indestructible as it is worth rarely equalled. Unlike most old universal. Strictly speaking, there is no men, he not only retains a vivid recollection such thing as dead matter per se in nature. of early events, but his recollection has not Organic dissolution is not death, much less can it be annihilation.

The thunderbolt is molecular force Whence comes this force? From the How does it get into the cloud! cloud; and what makes it come out cloud? Force being universal and indestructible, it can only be disturbed in its normal equilibrium, and be transmitted from one body to another, as it is in numberless well-defined instances, as in mechanics-by belt and pulley from one shaft to another. The bursting of a grindstone by what is termed centrifugal force is a good illustration of the action of a thunderbolt. Let us trace to William H. Crawford he cast his vote for up the action of a thunderbolt! Water is General Andrew Jackson. He is the only lifted up from the sea by vaporization—a member now to speak of his boasted prefermode of force. It is held suspended in the ence for that distinguished character of iron interstices of the air as invisible moisture by will and resistless power. It is now within force. The more the atmosphere contains a few days of half a century since Governor the clearer it is. Change the condition of Johnson did this noble act, so triumphantly this air as to its power of holding water in its vindicated at the ensuing election; and he interstices, and you release the power has since, with unhesitating falth, maintainthat lifted the water up from below and ed a character of unfaitering devotion to holds its up, and this force will seek its more Democratic principles. No alluring garb has general magazine, and in accordance with ever diverted him from his convictions or the rapidity with which it is re- the path of duty. He commenced a servant lessed. When, in the condensation of the of the people in the war of 1812, and has filled

"water-dust," clouds are formed slowly, the offices of the highest dignity and honor in play of the unimprisoned force reveals itself the most eventful periods of our history, and in force by "low tension," and causes the his character has never been reproached with play of "still lightning"; sometimes invisi- even imputations of a want of the truest ble, at others manifest in orange-colored fidelity. flashes, from a cloud of plus condensation to a cloud of minus. When the condensation the spot where he and his ancestors settled PERFUMERY BOXES.
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A cloud of alminus.

of the cloud-vapor to aggregated drops of the most fruitful and improved parts one of the most fruitful and improved parts of the country, rendered valuable by the deutly evolved in the mode of a projected thunderbolt directly towards its prime rethrift of successful husbandry and the dethrift of successful husbandry and the developing agency of the Baltimore and Ohio servoir, the earth; the substratum of air servoir, the carth; the substratum of air servoir, the carth; the substratum of air servoir, an insufficient diaphragm to keep railroad. There, with the calm consolation of having discharged his full duty, he with the it from darting to the earth. In its descent of having discharged his full duty, he will it fires atmospheric matter that intercepts spend his remaining days, attended with the its course, and when it comes in contact love and dutiful care of his daughter, Mrs. with the earth or any solid matter project. Minor, who did the honors of the Executive ing from the earth that is not a good con- mansion in Richmond when her father was ducting medium it produces mechanical ac- Governor. tion just in proportion as such obstructing matter is non-conductive or non-correlative to the motive energy of the bolt. The in-

> metal: The lightning rod sophists claim for the efficiency of the rod, the various kinds of rods, from that of straw to those of all the water in all that time. On placing them in rods, from that of straw to those of all the grades and forms of metal—what Mesmer claimed for his "Tractors," used in his animal magnetism, and what the well-digger claims for his "divining rod" in its pointing out the subterranean water-course, and, it is after to say, with equal integrity as to the efficiency of their respective claims. It is not the avoirdupois amount of metal that time. On placing them in a bed at Caucale they throve finely.—Boston Advertiser.
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> It was the cynfcal remark of a man who had devoted a lifetime to the accumulation had devoted a lifetime to the accumulation of a fortune which he did not know how to efficiency of their respective claims. It is not the avoirdupois amount of metal that coreliates the energy of the bolt; it is the amount of surface that does it. All my money."—Cincinnati Commercials.
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> Police Justice. Three withesses swore plastic that they recognized Christy. On the decision of the other stand, Christy's friends swore that they character for "Hug me Nae," or, in other gether for "Hug me Nae," or, in other gether for "Hug me Nae," or, in other that they other hand, Christy's friends swore that he was at his boarding-house asleep at the he was at his polarity in the other hand, Christy's friends swore that he words, assemble to see the old year out and the other hand, Christy's friends swore that he words, assemble to see the old year out and the other hand, Christy's friends swore that he was at his boarding-house asleep at the he was at his boarding-house aslee

twenty-five years of examination assert the

You might as well attempt the arrest of the ball fired from a columbiad with the point of a bayonet as to attempt the arrest of a ected thouderbolt with a half or threequarter inch diameter lightning-rod. The sophisticated terms of "positive and

negative electricity," of "vitreous and resin-ous electricity," of "inductive electricity," &c., if not defined in the stubborn logic of facts, or where it stands in a definition contrary to the facts made manifest by its post-tive action, are only calculated to confuse the mind of the student of science and to mis-lead him to his deductions.

There is a power behind the throne of all science, beyond the compass and comprehen-

sion of the human mind, for which we have no better word or name than motion. Even Tyndall's "environment" and . Huxley's automatism" fall to explain it, and it is past finding out. : Molecular motion and organic motion can be only various in differenliated degree. They are convertible things. The thunderbolt is a play of released force in aggregated molecular form, and it obeys the ommon law of projectile forces in whatever condition they appear and in whatever garb they present themselves. My observations authorize me to say that when metal roofs shafl become the rule, instead of the excep-tion, injury to our buildings and their contents by Jupiter's attillery will have passed away, as the apprehended danger has passed away before the light of rational knowledge, The flood of light that has been shed upon us in the yet crude science of the persistence the previous twenty-four hours. The clouds and corellation of forces is in itself sufficient to dispel the delusion of the efficiency of a to dispel the delusion of the efficiency of a bodkin to cope with a steam-hammer. Imponderable elements, as we term those that are too fine for crude sensibilities to take ma terial cognizance of, are not to be negated by homospathic quantities of crude material.

> That a thunderboit'is an electrical result ant from the sudden formation of cloud and ant deposition of hail or rain. There may be a projection of thunderbolt with but little deposition of rain on the earth; and without every possible point-from below, from above, from the sides, from within their vortical caldrons, and I have been hoar-frosted in their midst in midsummer, and l have always found electrical explosions to be concomitant with sudden changes of clear air into cloud and rain.

Like from the individual grains of gunpowder, by ignition, a great amount of imprisoned force may be released, almost unperceived, and harmless as the dust that is blown against us in the street; but when it is concentrated in the death-dealing bombshell, to be let loose suddenly, it is far more destructive than the heaviest thunderbolt. The lightning-stroke is suddenly-released force-force transmitted from the cloud to rience teaches us, but one barrier, metal superfices, not less than the superficial area of a dwelling affords-the greater the superfices the greater the protection. It must not be forgotten that Franklin's theory rod tapping the electricity from the cloud vent an electrical explosion. Now, modern lightning-rod doctors claim for the rod the virtue of catching the bolt and transmi: ting it to the ground in a harmless manner-a most preposterous assumption in the face of its continuous failure. This is ever met by the worn-out assertion that such defective in the fact that none of them have superfices sufficient to instantly spread out the concentrated projective force by dispersion. Any area, to be fairly protected from the force of a thunderbolt, must present a surface of metal equal in dimensions to the portion to be shielded. Facts assert this, all theories to the contrary notwithstanding. Such is the avidity of the bolt for its metal corellative that it will demolish a stone tower that may intercept its

the earth. This is the fourth recent case of metalroof protection in this city-to wit, White's building, corner of Twelfth and Chestnut; Wood's Museum; police station-house, in Buttonwood below Eleventh; and Dougherty's distillery.

Ex-GOVERNOR JOSEPH JOHNSON .- [From the Weston Democrat.]-We learn from Judge Brannon that he visited last week this venerable statesman at his residence, in Harrison county. He has just completed his eighty-ninth year, and his friends will be pleased to learn that he retains his mental tion of all, and is now truly without an eneand attach to him as an example of genuine failed him as to any general interest. He takes a lively interest in the current news, and is a constant reader of the papers, watching the arrivals of the mails with

great concern. He was born a few months before the adoption of the Constitution of the United States by the Convention. He is the only surviving member of the XVIIth Congress and it was upon the House of Representatives of that Congress that an election of President devolved. He, with one other, separated from the Virginia delegation, and although the vote of the State had to be given

M. Hamon once left a basket of oysters at Nantes for seventeen consecutive days, during stant it impacts an extended metal surface it the hottest part of the summer, while he spreads out and is dissipated, not, however, without singeing an equivalent surface of the caution was to make a few incisions in the basket for the admission of air. Returning,

amount of surface that does it. All my money."- Cincinnati Commercial.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. DECEMBER 30, 1874.

THE SEVENTEENTH-STREET MYSTERY-CORO-RER'S INQUEST; A post-mortem examination of the remains of Moscoe Johnson, who died from a pistol-shot wound received or Christmas-day, was made yesterday morning inder the direction of Coroner Taylor. In he afternoon an inquest was held.

W. H. O'Connor, Policemen George H Matthews and John H. Gill, W. B. Jones, and ames Dickerson, who were examined as nce not heretofore published in this paper Mr. Morris with both bands caught hold of ohnson when near the corner of Seventeenth and Broad streets, and he'd him until Policeman Matthews came up.

Those who saw the relative positions of Morris and deceased at the time were of the opinion that be could not have done the shooting. Richard Coleman (colored), Mr. Morris (one of the accused, who spoke voluntarily), and Drs. Riddell and Woodson, gave some new and valuable evidence, which

s as follows:

Richard Coleman said: Deceased and my elf were on the corner of Seventeenth and Broad streets on Christmas-day. Deceased said be meant to kill me, and drew a pistol; and he and two other men, with rezors hased me down the street until we saw two policemen coming. My pursuers then turned back towards Seventeenth street. soon afterwards heard a shot, but don't know who fired it. At the time of firing great many people were chasing Johnso and crying, "Catch him!" "Catch him! The policemen were also chasing him. I did tot see any one but deceased with a pistol James H. Morris: I reside on Eighteenth

treet between Broad and Marshall. On

Christmas-day Mr. A. J. Tyree and myself were together when Johnson was being chased. I sprang to Johnson and caught him with both hands. Soon afterwards Policeman Matthews came up. While I had hold of him a pistol went off. I still held him until Policeman Matthews took him. Mr. Matthews bad a pistol in his band. I asked Mr. Matthews if he had fired, and he said "No." I started to go of, when Tyree after proceeding about two yards with me said, "Hense, I shot him; for God's sake don't tell anybody. I said "I will not unless they arrest me about it; then I am bound to blow on you." I went home, and was afterwards arrested and taken to the station-house before deceased, who said I was the man who shot him. I then told what Tyree had said to me. Tyree was arested and brought before deceased, who still said I had done it. Deceased said the man had a fur cap on; I had on a fur cap Tyree had on a fireman's coat and black bat when the firing was done, but at the stationhouse, and when taken before deceased, he had on citizen's clothes. I don't know whether Tyree had a pistol that day. When coming toward me deceased had a pistol in his hand pointing directly at me.

Dr. T. J. Riddell: I attended decease He died on the 28th of December at 11:15 A. M. Death was caused by peritonitis, the result of a pistol-shot wound. I made the post-mortem examination. The ball entered wo inches from the meridian line, to the left, and four inches above the navel, passing diagonally through the stomach to the right, entering the duodenum. The ball was ultimately found at the termination of the small intestines, and females, 17. Color : White males, 3; white was ex!racted. About twenty minutes then asked him who shot him, informing him that it was a serious matter, as he was on his death-bed. He said Mr. Morris shot him with a four barrel pistol, which he subsequently returned to his pocket. I asked him if he was perfectly conscious of what he was saying. He said he was. I asked him did he know Mr. Morris; he said he had only seen him in passing-had a passing consintance with him.

Dr. L. A. Woodson: I saw deceased Monday. In addition to what Dr. Riddell has stated, I asked Johnson if, in view of the confusion prevailing, he might not have been mistaken as to who shot him. He answered simply that Mr. Morris shot him. He said, "I know Mr. Morris shot me." I then asked how far and in what direction Mr. Morris was from him. He said "about as far as I am from you," which was about four feet, "and to my left." He said that he knew Mr. Morris in passing. My impression is that Dr. Riddell's statement to Johnson conveyed the idea of imminent peril rather than

of certain death. The jury, after consultation, agreed that death was "from the effects of a pistol-shot wound inflicted upon him on the 25th day of December, 1874, by some person whom the evidence does not enable them to ascertain."

LEGAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE.-From he reports of the clerks of the Supreme Court of Appeals and Circuit Courts of the Commonwealth made to the Keeper of the Rolls, Mr. J. B. Bigger, for the year ending Sist August, 1874, the following statistics of litigations are taken: Actions at Law: No. commenced, 8,302

No. pending, 7,181; No. decided, 7,860; No. removed from other courts, 422; No. removed to other courts, 139. Suits in Equity: No. commenced, 3,433 No. pending, 20,908; No. interlocutory decrees, 11,479; No. final decrees, 3,617; No.

removed from other courts, 1,008; No. removed to other courts, 142. Prosecutions: No. commenced, 569.; No. pending, 262; No. decided, 416; No. nolle rosequis. 94. Days of session : Fall and winter terms, 1,011; spring term, 826; intermediate or

special terms, 179; summer terms, 254total days of session, 2,270. Judgments at law.....

Counties and cities from which no reports have been received, and therefore not included in above, are : First circuit, city of Norfolk; Second circuit, county of Notto way; Fifth circuit, county of Bedford Eighth circuit, counties of York and Warwick; Ninth circuit, county of Matthews Eleventh circuit, city of Alexandria; Fourteenth circuit, county of Montgomery; Sixteenth circuit, county of Buchanan.

FRAMED DWELLING BURNED .- About 2:40 vesterday morning an alarm of fire was urned in from Box 45, occasioned by the burning of an unoccupied frame dwellinghouse at the corner of St. Peter's and Charity streets. The roof of an adjoining building also took fire, but the flames were extinguished before they had made much headway. Owing to the great distance of the scene of the fire from available waterplugs there was some delay in getting on a stream. It was found necessary to connect Engines," B" and "D" and work both apparatus with one line of hose. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Loss about \$500.

A Case of Mistaken Identity.-On Satur day night last between 12 and 1 o'clock the room of Matilda Crump (colored) was entered by two white men, who proceeded to break the furniture to pieces, and upon being admonished by the inmates to desist turned upon them and threatened to put an making a wreck of nearly everything in the nor yesterday appointed the following notation they left. The next day a warrant ries: F. W. Childs for Louisa and Spotsylend to their existence. After succeeding in was procured for the arrest of the parties.

Mr. John Christy was arrested, supposed to be one of the offenders, and taken before the Police Justice. Three witnesses swore pos- "Hug ME NAE."-The members of the itively that they recognized Christy. On Richmond Caledonian Club will gather to-the other hand, Christy's friends swore that gether for "Hug me Nae," or, in other

A BITE WHICH CAUSED A MAN TO LOSE HIS HAND.—The case of Mr. William Hanna, charged "with unlawfully and feloniously causing John Hogan bodily injury by biting him with intent to main, disfigure, disable, and kill," was examined by Police Jus- of the kind which has ever visited this city, tice White yesterday morning with the and their performances here will no doubt view only of determining an application prove highly satisfactory to all parties. The made for bail for Mr. Hanna. On a Sunday California quartette afforded some excellent made for bail for Mr. Hanna, On a Sunday in September last Hanna and Hogan had a difficulty in front of the house of the latter. Hanna called Hogan a d-d liar. Hogan re- the entire entertainment very acceptable and plied by a blow. Hanna retreated, and was enjoyable. pursued across the street by Hogan, who threw him down, got upon him, and placing his knee upon Hanna's stomach, beat Han-1874.—Captain T. W. Sparrow, Staunton, Va.; Miss Lucy Welch, Nicholson street, Rocketts, Richmond, Va.; Miss Octavia P. na's bead two or three times against the ground, and likewise pulled his beard until his face was blood-shot. The little finger of Hogan's hand slipped into Hanna's mon, 40 Cornelis street; Mr. Fred. Maisch. month, and the latter, seizing the opportucare of Simon Brahm, Diagond Market, Stall 82, Pittsburg, Va.; Captain Ben, Scott, Richmond, Va.; Miss Maggie Schaffer, 1766 nity, closed upon it with his teeth. Hogan tried to get off Hanna when the biting be came painful, but it was some time before Main street, Richmond, Va.; Miss Lou. Burbert, Barrousville, New Kent county, Va. Hanna released him. From the bite, which was in the knuckle of the little finger, ery sipelas and inflammation ensued, and it be came necessary first to amputate the finger and then the entire hand. Dr. Hunter Maquire testifled that he considered Hogan ou Editors Richmond Dispatch: The great in-terest you have taken in everything looking to the future greatness of our city and State makes us bold to ask your active assistance of danger, and expressed the opinion that Hogan would be able to appear in court in

the 7th. SCHOOL TRUSTERS APPOINTED. - The State Board of Education has appointed the following school trustees: Frederick county : Winchester distric Walter Bowen, German Smith, and C. L Crum; Stonewall, Daniel Janney; Gaines boro', Craven Coe and Jonah Taver-ner; Back Creek, W. C. Cooper; Opequon,

two weeks. Bail was allowed in the sum o

\$2,000. The regular examination of the

Adam Dean. Giles county: Pearisburg district, Henry C. French; Pembroke, James P. Snidow Newport, R. F. Darnall. Lancaster county : White Chapel district

Captain W. T. Snead; Mantus, Warner Eubank; White Store, Dr. James Brown. Powhatan county: Spencer district, Tscharper Michaux; Macon, John Allen Huguenot, Dr. W. T. Turpin. Patrick county: Mayo district, William Critz; Dan River, James H. Rangely; Smith's River, Elijah D. Vice and Isaac C.

Houchins. Smyth county: Town of Marion district Frank Alexander for one year; J. H. Francis for two years; H. C. Stevens for three years. St. Clair district, John H. Halsey.

MORTUARY REPORT .- The following is the mortuary report for the week ending Saturday, December 26, 1874, compiled from sextons' returns received at the office of the Board of Health : Cause of Death : Apoplexy, 1; bronchitis (chronic), 1; burns, 1; cancer, 1; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1; consumption (3 white and 3 colored), 6; convuisions, 1; debility, 2; diarrhæn (chronic) 1; diphtheria, 1; dysentery (acute), 1; effects of fall, 1; fever (typhoid), 1; hemmorrhage (umbilical), 1; 1æmoptysis, 1; liver-disease, 1; marasmus, 1; old age, 1 pneumouis, 4; tabes mesenterica, 1; un-known, 4. Whole number of deaths in the city, 33. In addition, 3 still-born were reported—1 white, 2 colored. Sex: Males, 16; Monday night, the following officers were ported—1 white, 2 colored. Sex: Males, 16; Monday night, the following officers were certain the females, 17. Color: White males, 3; white elected for the ensuing ferm: A. W. Brock-rember 1916 to Depth a RED MILCH color. Sex: Monday night, the following officers were certain of the Mechanics of Discontinuous of Discont females, 10. Colored males, 13; colored before Johnson's death I told him of his females, 7. Age : One day to thirty, 8; one crifical condition; he made no response. I month to six, 1; six months to twelve, 2; one year to three, 8; three years to five, 2 five years to ten, 2; ten years to twenty 1; twenty years to thirty, 4; thirty years to forty, 2; fifty years to sixty, 4; sixty years to seventy, 8; seventy years to eighty, 5; unknown, 1. Condition : Single, 20; married, 6; widowers, 2; widows, 8; unknown, 2. Nativity: United States, 80; Germany, 2; Ireland, 1. Locality: Marshall Ward, 4; Jefferson Ward, 8; Madison Ward, 4; Monroe Ward, 7; Clay Ward, 1; Jackson Ward, 4; almshouse, 4; penitentiary, I By whom Certified: Regular practitioners 29; Board of Health, 4.

COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the last regu lar meeting of the Jefferson Literary and Social Circle, held at Levy Brothers' hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: M. J. Hessberg, president; Leon Wallerstein, vice-president; William Reinbeimer, fisancial secretary; Isaac Thalhimer, recording secretary; Dr. H. H. Levy treasurer ; D. S. Lisberger, librarian ; M. S. Block and L. Wailerstein, library commit tee. This Association is making all necessary arrangements for a grand Purim masque

At the last regular meeting of the Rich mond Amsteur Literary Association the following were elected officers for the ensuing quarter: M. L. Spottswood, president; A. L. Owen, vice-president; Jacob Bates, trea surer; D. E. Lumsden, secretary; Ernest H. Chalkley, assistant secretary; B. F. Tinsley, chapiain ; C. M. Smith, critic ; H. P. Wi son, censor.

At a meeting of Shockoe Hill Division, No. 54, Sons of Temperance, the following were elected officers for the ensuing quar ter-viz. : T. P. Mayo, W. P.; F.J. Arnold W. A.; C. S. Brittan, P. W. P.; John P. Otis, Chap.; J. H. Macrae, R. S.; E. R. Totty, A. R. S.; William T. Allen, T.; W Leigh Burton, F. S.; R. T. Reynolds, C. W. C. Cralle, A. C.; Y. K. Andrews, I. S. James Thomas, Jr., O. S.

Old Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Knights Pythias, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J.-M. Garrard C. C.; T. A. Jacob, V. C.; S. McG. Fisher, K. of R. and S.; C. A. Spence, P.; E. B. chatalaines, gold thimbles; amethyst, sardonys Taylor, M. E.; H. W. Furcron, M. F.; H. D. Danforth, representative to the Grand NET's, 1001 Ma'n street, corner Tenth. Lodge ; L. L. Bass, W. H. Weisiger, and S. McG. Fisher, trustees of Pythian Hall.

POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY - Justice Joseph J. White presiding.—Henry Jackson was sent to jail for thirty days for vagrancy. Edward Albeis, for being drunk and cree ting a disturbance in the street, was fined \$2. Jake Beno, guilty of assault and battery, was fined \$10 and sent to juil for ten days. Charles Welsh was charged with breaking in the doors of the house of Dora Anningnett. He proved an alibi, but was required to give security in the sum of \$300 for good can)."

CITY TAXES .- Only two days remain in which to pay the city taxes for 1874. Co lector Regnault may be found at his office, in the City Hall, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily. If the taxes are not paid on or before the Sist instant ten per cent. will be added to the half-paid bills and twenty per cent. to those upon which nothing has been paid. WARNING TO GRAVEL-SHOOTERS .- TWO

boys, named William Keplar and William Harrison, arrested by Policeman Depries charged with killing the pigeons of Mr. J.B. Gentry and breaking window-panes of his house with gravel-shooters, were fined \$5 each by Police-Justice White yesterday. NOTABLES PUBLIC APPOINTED .- The Gover-

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MANCHESTER NEWS.

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ing is a list of the grand jury drawn for Jan

uary term of the Hustings Court: O. B. Simms, F. E. Marks, N. T. Watt, James W.

Craig, R. F. Elder, G. T. Blanton, A. C.

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